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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kenji MATSUDA, et al.)
Application No.: 09/940,441)
Filed: August 29, 2001)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
AND DEVELOPER SUPPLY)
CONTAINER REMOVABLY)
MOUNTABLE IN IMAGE)
FORMING APPARATUS)

Examiner: Sandra L. Brase
Group Art Unit: 2852
Allowed: April 16, 2004
Confirmation No.: 5068
May 5, 2004

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 21231-1450

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, dated April 16, 2004, in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee is due on July 16, 2004, and has not yet been paid.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) (the "IDS") on March 24, 2004, in the application. To date, Applicants have not received a copy of the Form PTO-1449, which was enclosed with the IDS, annotated with the Examiner's initials and date acknowledging receipt and consideration of the cited art. It is

submitted that the IDS and the cited art submitted therewith were properly submitted and satisfied all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

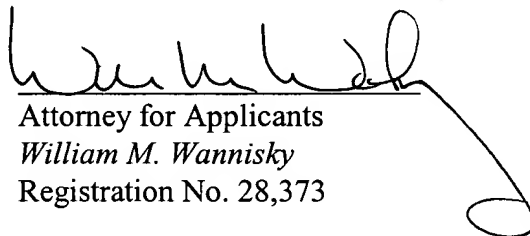
Enclosed is a copy of each of the IDS, the Form PTO-1449, and a date-stamped postcard showing receipt of these papers in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that the cited art has been considered and made of record by returning an annotated copy of the Form PTO-1449.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the New York office at the below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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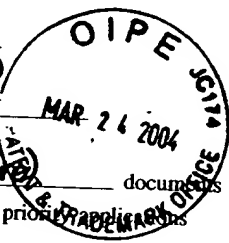
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Sir: Kindly acknowledge receipt of the accompanying:

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- ☐ Petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and Check for \$ _____
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

FEE

Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper also is enclosed.

REMARKS

The listed document was cited in the enclosed Chinese Official Action, which is dated February 13, 2004. An English language translation of the Official Action also is enclosed. Japanese Patent Document No. 11-153904 was cited by the Examiner in the Official Action dated July 24, 2002. Therefore, no copy of the document is enclosed. However, the document is listed on the enclosed PTO 1449 citation form.


CONCLUSION

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

It is respectfully requested that the cited document be considered by the Examiner in light of the enclosed Chinese Official Action. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate such consideration in the next Official Action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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11-153904	06/08/99	Japan			Abstract		

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